

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00574-RBW**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/01/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/01/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5975493) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of State)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zef,) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/01/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/8/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/7/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/8/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 3/8/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/08/2019)

03/08/2019	<u>5</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 8, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James O. Bickford on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Bickford, James) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Bickford, James) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this action qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint proposed schedule governing further proceedings on or before April 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 9, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: joint proposed schedule governing further proceedings due by 4/30/2019. (hs) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/30/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Proposing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bickford, James) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
05/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Proposed Schedule, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before June 14, 2019, the defendant shall make its initial production to the plaintiff. It is further ORDERED that, on or before June 28, 2019, the parties shall file a joint proposed schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 2, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint proposed schedule by 6/28/2019. (gdf) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
06/27/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>With Proposed Production Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bickford, James) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
07/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Proposed Schedule, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendant shall make additional productions to the plaintiff on July 16, 2019; August 16, 2019; and September 16, 2019. It is further ORDERED that, on or before September 23, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report discussing how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 1, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/23/2019 (gdf) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Complete Production</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bickford, James) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>10</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Production Schedule, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall make a final production to the plaintiff on October 18, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the Court's July 1, 2019 Minute Order is VACATED to the extent that it requires the parties to file a joint status report on or before September 23, 2019. It is further ORDERED that, on or before October 25, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report discussing how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 18, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 09/18/2019)
09/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2019 (hs) (Entered: 09/19/2019)
10/18/2019	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Complete Production</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bickford, James) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
10/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>11</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Production Schedule, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall make a final production to the plaintiff on or before November 8, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the Court's September 18, 2019 Minute Order is VACATED to the

		extent that it requires the parties to file a joint status report on or before October 25, 2019. It is further ORDERED that, on or before November 8, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report discussing how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 21, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
10/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/8/2019 (hs) (Entered: 10/22/2019)
11/08/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bickford, James) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 22, 2019, the parties shall file an additional joint status report proposing a schedule governing further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 13, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 11/13/2019)
11/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/22/2019 (hs) (Entered: 11/13/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bickford, James) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before February 21, 2020, the parties shall file an additional joint status report proposing a schedule governing further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 27, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 11/27/2019)